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(Under 37 CFR § 1.53(d))

PRIOR APPLICATION: 09/446,769	
EXAMINER: S. T. Channavajjala	ART UNIT 2177
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This is a Request for filing a X continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA) of prior application Serial No. 09/446,769, filed on May 5, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/JP99/02243, filed April 27, 1999, by the following named inventor(s): Kazue NAKAMURA, and currently entitled DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL APPARATUS AND METHOD OF THE SAME.

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- See attached sheet for names and addresses of additional inventors (if any).
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)(4). Please delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
- See attached sheet for names of additional inventors to be deleted (if any).

The above identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including all previously entered amendments and the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

Note: If prior application is not to be abandoned, then the form for 37 CFR 1.53(b) should be used.

1. X Enter the amendment previously filed on October 2, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
2. An amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS	17 -20	-0-	x \$18.00	\$ -0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 -3	-0-	x \$84.00	-0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (IF APPLICABLE)			+ \$280.00	-0-
			BASIC FEE	\$ 740.00
Total of above Calculations				\$ 740.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 740.00

3. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 (for filing) and § 1.17 (for prosecution) not otherwise paid which may be required with respect to the papers filed herewith, (and also any additional such fees which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, and also the issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
4. a. X Checks in the amount of \$740.00 and \$520.00 are enclosed.
- b. The filing fee to be paid later with surcharge.

5. _____ Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney and/or correspondence address is indicated below:

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6. _____ Original title and original applicant(s) of prior U.S. application, if different from above:
7. X This application is being filed within the third month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application. This is a petition to request a three-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed. A fee of \$400.00 for a two-month extension of time was previously paid with the Amendment After Final Action filed October 2, 2002. The balance of \$520.00 for the requested three-month extension of the term is paid herewith.

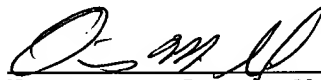
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